

Fauquier County Public Schools
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COPS Universal Hiring Program
U.S. Department of Justice
1100 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: Letter of Assurance


To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to notify you that the two officers requested as a part of the C.O.P.S. Universal Hiring Program will be used in the secondary schools in Fauquier County. At this time, it is planned that the two officers will provide direct intervention in our middle schools.


The program represents a partnership between Fauquier County Public Schools, the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, and the County of Fauquier. From planning to submission, the Assistant Superintendent for the school division has worked closely with the Sheriff and Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee to develop the grant for presentation to the Fauquier County School Board and the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County.

The School Division Superintendent, Sheriff, and County Administrator understand that the grant will cover 100% of the salaries and benefits of the two additional Sheriff's officers for the next three years. The School Division will provide start-up funds. These one-time expenses will be covered with current designated funds.

To the extent permitted by law and subject to ratification by the School Board and Board of Supervisors, at the end of the three years funding for the salaries and benefits associated with the two officers and the continuation of the program will be split evenly between the School Board and County of Fauquier. The School Superintendent and County Administrator have identified appropriate funding streams to address the anticipated expense. This endeavor represents a cooperative partnership between the Sheriff, School Division and County Government that will result in better services provided to the students of Fauquier County.


Dr. David Martin
Fauquier County Superintendent of Schools


G. Robert Lee
Fauquier County Administrator


Joseph Higgs, Jr.
Fauquier County Sheriff